

Application No. 09/880,649
Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR 1.312 dated September 14, 2004
Reply to Notice of Allowance dated July 28, 2004

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 3. This sheet, which includes Fig. 3, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 3. Applicant is changing the label of element 35 of Fig. 3 to "duty cycle controller"

Attachment: 1 Replacement Sheet
1 Annotated Sheet showing Changes

Remarks

Applicant is amending the specification, Fig. 3 and claim 20. Upon reviewing the Notice of Allowability and the allowed claims, Applicant has discovered the need for formal amendments which are recited in this Amendment. The amendments are to correct an ambiguity in Fig. 3 and related portions of the specification and an inadvertent error in claim 20. The need for the amendments arose in reviewing the Notice of Allowability and the allowed claims in this application and therefore, were not earlier presented.

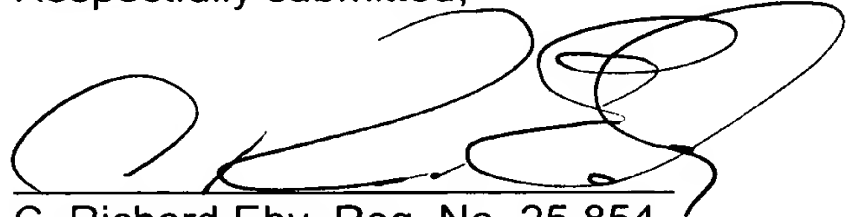
Claim 20 is directed to the embodiment of Fig. 3; and in reviewing claim 20, it was discovered that power switch control is incorrectly recited. With respect to Fig. 3, the power switch control comprises the waveform generator 16, summing node 72 and hysteresis modulator 74. However, the duty cycle controller 35, PWM 37 and first logic circuit 39, 76 are part of the duty cycle control recited in claim 1. The confusion arises because a common label "duty cycle control" is applied to element 22 of Fig. 1 and element 35 of Fig. 3. To eliminate the confusion, Applicant is changing the label of element 35 of Fig. 3 to "duty cycle controller".

Applicant submits that the amendments are of a formal nature, do not change the substance or scope of the claims and do not require a new search. The amended claim 20 is patentable over the cited art for the same reasons as set forth in Applicant's earlier papers.

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Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested; and the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney should any questions arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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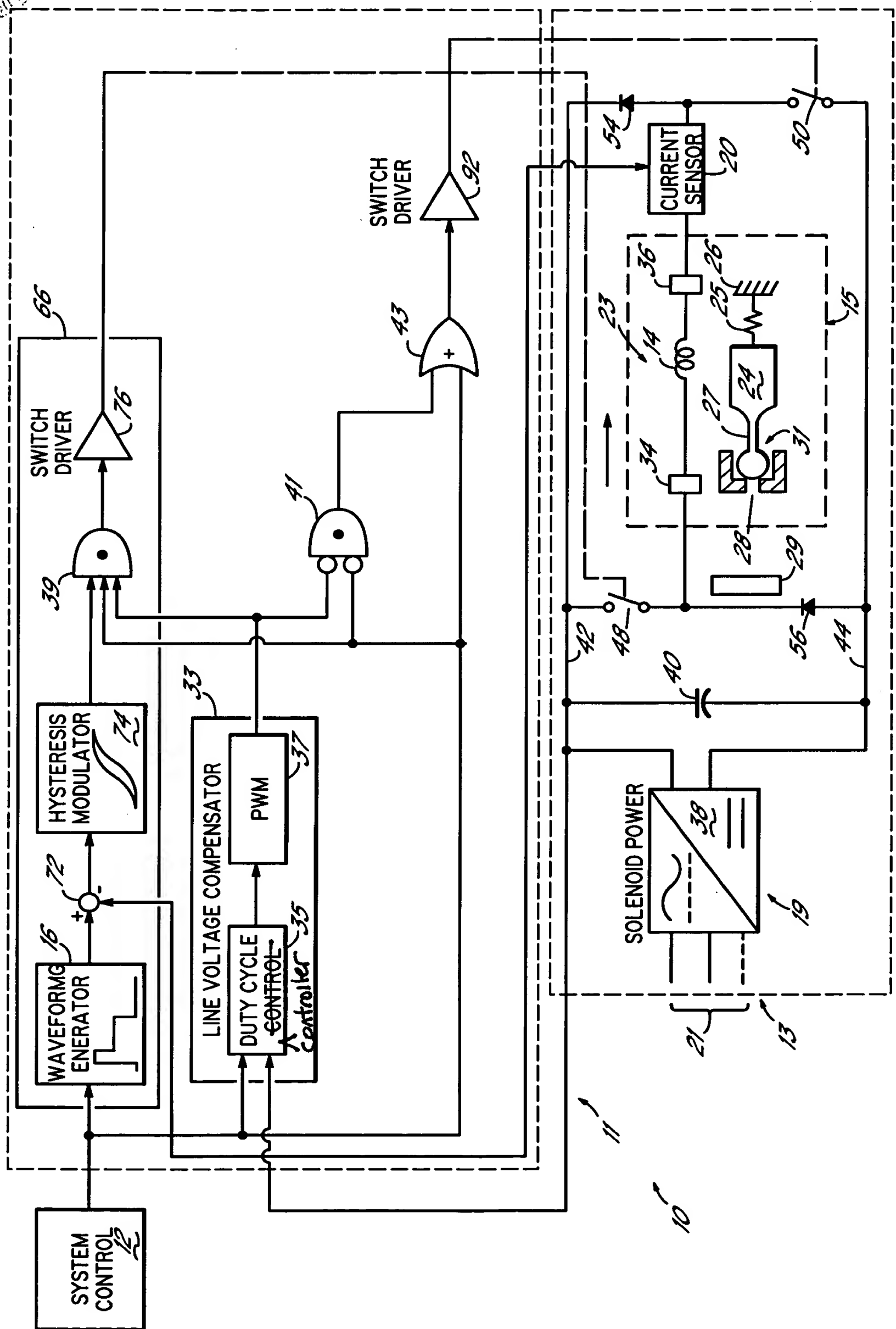


FIG. 3